

AGN. NO.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

March 31, 2015

Reinstatement of Reward Offer in Murder of Unique Russell

On Wednesday, July 4, 2012, in front of 1346 West 97th Street located in unincorporated West Athens, 14 year-old Unique Russell, along with 12 year-old Rekeil Reeves and 25 year-old Freddy Pickett, were struck by gunfire as they watched fireworks. Witnesses observed two individuals fire several shots into a crowd that included Unique and her cousins. Investigators from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department apprehended one of the suspects due to information given by a witness, and who has since been convicted, yet another suspect remained outstanding.

On October 2, 2012 the Board of Supervisors extended the reward for \$10,000 which led to apprehension of the first suspect, and on January 29, 2013, in the effort to apprehend and convict the second suspect, the Board added an additional \$10,000 to the reward. This reward offer expired on June 29th, 2013. Subsequently, an informant provided the necessary information and testimony which led to the conviction of the second suspect.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Reinstate the \$20,000 reward in order for the informant(s) who provided the information that led to the suspects' conviction be eligible to file a claim for the reward and that the same terms and provisions of the most recent reward be offered.

Contact: Sergeant K. Perry or Detective G. Sloan
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